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SUBJ: ANAPO RALLY AT CALI'S PLAZA CAICEDO

1. ANAPO PRESIDENTIAL CADIDATE MARIA EUGENIA ROJAS DE MORENO AND HER FATHER, GENERAL ROJAS PINILLA, ADDRESSED AN ESTIMATED 20,000 ANAPISTAS IN THE CENTRAL PLAZA OF CALI ON SATURDAY MARCH 2. DURING THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN TOUR OF THE VALLE AT THE END OF JANUARY SHE HAD ASSURED ADHERENTS THAT THE MARCH 2 RALLY WOULD COMPLETELY FILL THE PLAZA CAICEDO AND ALL STREETS LEADING THERETO. IN FACT, DRAWING PARTY FAITHFUL FROM THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT, SHE MANAGED TO FILL APPROXAMATELY 1/3 OF THE PLAZA.

2. AS HAS BECOME CUSTOMARY IN HER CAMPAIGN, THE PRELIMINARY SPEAKERS WERE VEHEMENTLY AGRESSIVE, HAMMERING AT VESTED INTERESTS INCLUDING DEPRECATIVE REFERENCE TO THE USAID PROGRAM PEACE CORPS AND MAJOR AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN COLOMBIA. THE CANDIDATE HERSELF REFRAINED FROM SUCH INDISCRIMINATE ATTACKS AND BY CONTRAST (WHICH I BELIEVE CONTRIVED) APPEARS MODERATE AND STATESMANLIKE.

3. GENERAL RUJAS, BELYING REPORTS OF ADVANCING AGE AND FAILING HEALTH, SPOKE FOR MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING THE CANDIDATE. HE DEVOTED MOST OF HIS ADDRESS TO JUSTIFYING HIS OWN ADMINISTRATION AND UNDOUBTEDLY WEARIED MANY

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OF THE LISTENERS BEFORE THE CANDIDATE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

SPEAK.

COMMENT

THERE WAS LITTLE MENTION OF THE ANAPO RALLY IN THE LOCAL PRESS
PRIOR TO THE DEMONSTRATION AND NO REFERENCE AT ALL ON THE DAY
FOLLOWING. ON MONDAY THERE APPEARED A PICTURE OF THE RALLY TAKEN
FROM THE LEAST ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ATTENDANCE.
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